

REMARKS

As a result of this Response and Amendment, claims 1-2, 6-19, 21-23, 26, 29-30, 34-38, 41, and 42 are under active consideration in the subject patent application. In the Official Action the Examiner has identified claims 1-42 as allegedly standing subject to an Election of Species Requirement under 35 USC §121, as follows:

- i) Species A illustrated by Figs. 36-37;
- ii) Species B illustrated by Fig. 38;
- iii) Species C illustrated by Fig. 40; and
- iv) Species D illustrated by Figs. 42-43.

Applicants elect the invention of the alleged species shown in Figures 36-37. At least claims 1-2, 6-19, 21-23, 26, 29-30, 34-38, 41, and 42 read on the elected species. Claims 3-5, 20, 24-25, 27-28, 31-33, and 39-40 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected subject matter in related applications. In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that at least claims 1-2, 6-19, 21-23, 26, 29-30, 34-38, 41, and 42 are in condition for allowance. Applicants request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicant's undersigned Attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at 215-979-1255.

Respectfully submitted,

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